

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force
Annual Meeting Minutes
Nov. 16, 2014

Domain name- On an internet vote the week before this meeting, it was approved to update the internet domain name and hosting plan with Go Daddy. Actual costs of domain update \$12.51; hosting \$72.00—Motion by Pres Tressa- carried unanimously.

Annual Meeting- 48 members and guests were present.

Pres. Tressa Youngbear called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Tressa noted that the centerpieces were by members and were based on member's heritage or a trip they had taken.

Board Members for 2014 were introduced by Tressa as follows:

President	Tressa Youngbear
Co-Presidents Elect	Dale and Cheryl Moore
Secretary	Steve Williams
Treasurer	Stephanie Schulte
Past Co-Presidents	Veta and Richard Hildebrand
Exchange Coordinator	Dianne Karal
Membership	Marian Wetjen
Communication	Vic and Pat Klopfenstein
Meeting Hosts	Will and Karen Mickelson
Director at Large	Alice Wilkinson (2012-2013)
Director at Large	Esther Hudson (2013-2015)
Internal Communication	Mary Stull
Website	Matt and Darby Winger

An **award** to Tressa was noted as presented at the 2014 Auckland FFI conference. The award was Honorable Mention for revitalizing the Cedar Rapids exchange program, especially: "unique and fun activities, including a scavenger hunt"

Tressa stated that all the members of various committees, host and dinner host for the September exchange should be included in the recognition.

A delicious buffet **dinner** was served.

Web site- Tressa introduced the web site committee: Richard and Veta Hildebrand, Matt and Darby Winger, Alice Wilkinson, Mary Stull, Dale and Cheryl Moore, Stephanie Schulte and Dianne Karal.

Matt and Darby Winger introduced the revised web site. The site goes up Wed. Nov. 19.

Goals: Better marketing to the community
 Better marketing to prospective members
 Give members better online resources

The project was two years in the making and the committee chose a “visual, eye popping site”.

Dale and Cheryl Moore conducted a fund raising **raffle** including gift certificates and a Christmas tree. Raised \$120

Winner: Joanne Smith-Bruegger Bagel gift certificate

Winner; Darlene Tammel-Kettle House Bakery gift certificate

Minutes of the July 13 General meeting were noted on the web site by Steve Williams and approved on motion by Sally Fairchild and second by Frank Stull—motion carried on a voice vote

Treasurer’s Report—Stephanie Schulte presented the treasurers’ report as follows: General Account \$10,717.37, Exchange Account \$10,099.52, Total \$20,816.89

Motion by Dale Moore, Second by Richard Hildebrand to accept Treasurer’s report, Motion carried on a voice vote.

By-Laws—committee: Veta and Richard Hildebrand, Dianne Karal, Stephanie Schulte, Cheryl and Dale Moore, and Tressa Youngbear. The changes were sent out prior to the annual meeting. Tressa pointed out the changes, which were mainly mandated by FFI or technical changes to improve clarity.

Motion to approve the revised by-laws by Dianne Karal, second by Alice Wilkinson, Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Membership—Marian Wetjen, membership Chair, noted that the club began the year with 86 members and now has 89

Visitors; Tom and Alice Wilkinson: Thomas and Sherry Kopecky

Dave and Patty Detwiler: Tom Atherton

Communication: Vic and Pat Klopfenstein have presented information on the club four times in the past year. They are available for more presentations.

Exchanges—Dianne Karal

2015

Moscow, Russia has asked to come to Cedar Rapids—after Dianne’s presentation the club voted to host Moscow-dates and all other details to be determined.

Feb. 21-28 – IN-Open World-Small Town Mayors, Moldova, Vic Klopfenstein, Director
 April 30-May 2 –IN-Leadership conference-CR Services Center- Tressa Youngbear, Director
 May 8-15-IN-Open world, Public Health, Azerbaijan, Director Steve Williams
 June 3-10 OUT- Niagara Canada, ED Mary Stull
 June 22-28- IN- Lansing MI—ED to be determined
 July 15-25 OUT- Oregon and Washington, ED Connie Williams
 Sept.?- IN- Chiapas, Mexico, Exact dates and ED to be determined
 Aug. 29-31-FFI World Conference-Vancouver, Canada

Raffle cont. Winner: Matt Winger- Brueggers Bagels gift certificate
 Winner: George Schulte, Take the Cake gift certificate

PO Box- Mail should now go to a PO box in Cedar Rapids: Box 705, zip 52406-0705

Officers 2015- Motion by Vic Klopfenstein and second by Donna Ironside, the officers for 2015 were elected as presented on a unanimous vote.

Co-Presidents-	Cheryl and Dale Moore
President Elect-	Mary Stull
Secretary	Alice Wilkinson
Treasurer	Stephanie Schulte

Tressa turned the gavel over to Dale Moore. Dale announced the following appointments to fill other positions, as well as hold-over officers from 2014.

Past President	Tressa Youngbear
Social Media Chair	Tressa Youngbear
Exchange Coordinator	Connie Williams
Activity Coordinator	Shirley Rosencrans
Director at Large second year	Esther Hudson
Co-Directors at Large first Year	Dean and Jean Thomas

Announcements

Homes are needed for 40 delegates to the Leadership Conference in Cedar Rapids for two nights April 30 and May 1. Hosting will primarily be for bed and breakfast as they will be in meetings during the day and evening.

The 2015 Board will hold a board retreat at Dale and Cheryl Moore's home Dec 6 at 9:30 AM.

Bob Pruess noted that Dubuque club members should be invited to join our club

Raffle cont. The grand prize Christmas tree was won by Steve Miller.

Meeting Adjourned